

## LOCAL MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Paragraphs Which Tell of the Happenings of Local Moment in Greater St. Joseph

Anything Which Has Occurred Deserving of Local Notice Can Be Found in These Columns

Albert Gray of Frazer was a Thursday visitor.

Use Opal Cleaner.—Adv.

J. W. Spencer of the Goss Printing Press Company is in California.

United States Commissioner C. C. Colt is spending a week in Kansas City.

Umbrella Hospital, 811 Edmond street.—Adv.

The police are conducting a strict campaign against tobacco merchants who sell minors cigarettes.

Well, today is "Irishman's Day" and all good Celtic descendants will celebrate the glorious day of St. Patrick's birth in many ways.

James B. Robinson, president of the Nodaway Bank of Maryville, was a guest of George Nelson of the Burnes National Bank Tuesday.

J. C. Whitsell, M. D., eye, ear, nose and throat. Commercial Bldg.—Adv.

South St. Joseph will soon boast of a co-operative store, to beat the high cost of living, bearing the name of the "Safety First Grocery Store."

The Peoples Furniture, Carpet & Stove Company at King Hill & Missouri avenues, was looted by robbers Wednesday night and goods valued at \$750 was taken.

The monthly dinner of the Railroad Men's Club Monday night held in the Hotel Robidoux was the most thoroughly enjoyed feast of the club's existence, so the attendants say.

Rock Undertaking Co. Lady attendant, 916 Frederick avenue.—Adv.

The rain Monday night and Tuesday forenoon gauged .87 of an inch and is the heaviest fall since Nov. 21st and during the interval between those dates only .2 of an inch fell.

For taking a "chance" while his license was pending John Sebus, a saloonkeeper at 425 No. 2nd street, sold liquor and Tuesday was fined \$300 in police court. The court suspended all but \$40.

Arthur Whitton, 2 years old, swallowed a nail about a month ago and died Monday from complications which set up from the stomach inflammation. The child's father, Delbert Whitton, died two months ago in a railroad wreck in Wyoming.

No. 1553  
OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF  
**The American Exchange Bank**  
at St. Joseph, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 6th day of March, 1917, published in the St. Joseph Observer, a newspaper printed and published at St. Joseph, State of Missouri, on the 17th day of March, 1917.

**RESOURCES**  
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral.....\$205,124.98  
Overdrafts.....1,574.23  
Other real estate.....2,695.09  
Furniture and fixtures.....2,500.00  
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check.....45,717.60  
Cash items.....9,434.69  
Currency.....12,551.00  
Specie.....8,924.60  
Total.....\$283,572.19

**LIABILITIES**  
Capital stock paid in.....\$ 20,000.00  
Surplus fund.....4,000.00  
Undivided profits, net.....925.41  
Individual deposits subject to check.....164,638.23  
Time certificates of deposit.....3,898.91  
Cashier's checks.....7,445.53  
Savings deposits.....82,664.11  
Total.....\$283,572.19

State of Missouri, County of Buchanan, ss:  
We, W. F. Maxwell as president, and Julius Rosenblatt as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. F. MAXWELL, President.  
JULIUS ROSENBLATT, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of March, A. D. Nineteen hundred and seventeen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring March 25th, 1918.)  
EDWARD A. BRITAIN, Notary Public.  
DR. J. C. WHITSELL, A. H. FULLER, J. I. ABRAMSON, Directors.

where he was employed as locomotive engineer. The mother lives in Stanberry, Mo., and the infant was buried there Thursday.

Feeney & Downey for best Plumbing and Gas Fitting. 1002 Frederick Ave. Phone 116.—Adv.

Albert Goodwine received a 2 year penitentiary sentence for stealing clothes and a suitcase from the home of Wm. Green back in November, 1916, in Judge Uitz's court Tuesday.

Death claimed John L. Gates Tuesday afternoon at the home of his brother, Joel E. Gates, city clerk, 701 South 9th street. Mr. Gates was 60 years of age and a son of the late Col. Elijah Gates.

Members of the St. Joseph Grain Exchange sent President Wilson a telegram Tuesday, pledging their loyalty and support in case of hostilities with any nation. Every member of the exchange signed the message.

Jamieson Machine Co., engineers and machinists' supplies. Shafting, hangers, pulleys. 215 No. 2nd.—Adv.

Practice began Monday afternoon at the Robidoux school of the Missouri Valley Music Festival to be held here April 27 and 28 with a turnout of 500 pupils of the 7th and 8th grades of the city schools.

The L. B. McCarger Feed Mill Company of Kansas City was fined \$150 each on 10 counts in the federal court by a jury for making false claims on interstate shipments. Costs in the case amount to \$500.

The body of Elmer, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sampson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was brought here for burial Thursday by the parents. The Sampsons are former residents here.

Everything you need for any kind of Painting, Wallpaper, Chandler's Paint & Glass Co., 417 Edmond street.—Adv.

May 1st is the date established for the opening of the clearing house for the simplification of railroad freight collections in this city and the First National Bank will establish the bureau under its direction.

Charles E. Foster, secretary-treasurer of the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co., leaves on March 25 for Philadelphia, Pa., to become comptroller of the Crew, Levick & Co., one of the Doherty & Co. refining properties. His family will join him in the spring.

April 23 is the hoodoo date for 7 saloons in this city and owing to the passing of an ordinance limiting the saloons to 150 in number, now 7 of the 157 in existence must "cash in." Just who the unlucky ones are to be is the problem confronting the excise board.

Use Opal Cleaner.—Adv.  
The city firemen have presented a petition to the city council this week in which increased pay and added fire fighting apparatus is asked for. The wage increase is wanted owing to the high cost of living.

The personal property assessed valuation this year will show an increase of nearly \$500,000 for the city of St. Joseph and will net about \$6,600 in taxes to the city, according to the estimate of George C. Toel, city assessor.

Rice L. McDonald, newly commissioned police commissioner, filed a \$20,000 bond with Judge T. B. Allen Tuesday to act as treasurer of the police board. The United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. are McDonald's sureties.

Meierhoffer Undertaking Co. presents character, service and consideration. Ninth and Felix. Phone M. 366.—Adv.

The trustees of William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo., have filed a suit in the circuit court seeking an annulment of the instrument executed Dec. 14, 1916, by Mrs. Mildred J. Williams, who died Jan. 7 last, revoking all wills made by her prior to that time, in which revocation, William Jewell College lost a bequest of \$100,000, the heirs receiving same.

This suit is to recover that amount. The defendants are the five children of the late Mrs. John S. Brittain.

A bogus check for \$20 bearing the name of a local Catholic priest was given Albert Klenk, proprietor of the Green Tree Hotel, last Saturday night by a stranger. Tuesday the check was turned down at the bank and the police were then notified.

Chester McDonald and Arnold Hayes, trustees at the county jail, took "French leave" Wednesday and the police have been notified to be on the watch for them. Both had served 6 months of a year's sentence for larceny.

Don Riley's Motor Inn. Storage and best repair department in city. Ladies' rest room and free check room in connection. Seventh and Jule.—Ad.

Chief of Police Moore has given orders to pick up all "moochers" on the streets and send them in to the police court for trial. Calls for labor are so strong from every farming center that no man should beg when he can work.

The gas manufactory of the St. Joseph Gas Co. was idle from Friday to Tuesday but when the cold weather came Tuesday morning it was necessary to make artificial gas to keep up the supply.

A big roads banquet was held at Wathena, Kansas, Tuesday evening and St. Joseph sent a large delegation with the representatives of the Commerce and Boosters Clubs to attend and report the proceedings.

Use Opal Cleaner.—Adv.

Victor Yehle, aged 13 years, was accidentally run over by a motor car belonging to A. S. Vinberg of the Farmer Auto Co. Monday morning near 9th and Charles. Yehle's injuries were not severe.

The proposition to increase the school maintenance tax levy for the St. Joseph school district to \$1 on the \$100 valuation carried by a vote of 1,827 to 709 at the special election Saturday.

Mayor Marshall may now be saluted as "Grandpa," news reaching here Monday that an 8-pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Savage of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Savage was formerly Miss Jean Dale Marshall.

For stenographic or typewriter work of any description call on Miss Della Warburton, Room 602, Corby-Forsce building. Telephone 1276.—Adv.

Citizens of this city are much pleased now that the state fish hatchery will remain here, also that an appropriation bill for \$15,700 has been passed in the legislature for its maintenance.

John Krueker was taken to the county jail Tuesday evening, much improved in physical condition but quite unwilling to talk. Krueker is charged with the shooting and killing of his wife, Dagmar Krueker, on Feb. 18th, last.

The county court this week notified the authorities in charge of State Hospital No. 2 that unless places were provided for Mat James and Elmer Woodson, two insane negro patients, that mandamus proceedings will be instituted. In case of crowded conditions in the state hospitals, private patients have to be dismissed if patients are sent to them by any county.

**Notice to Property Owners!**  
There is recently and seemingly a constant menace to property from a fire protection standpoint by reason of automobiles, auto trucks and vehicles colliding with and breaking fire hydrants.

When such accidents occur, frequently the fire hydrant has not apparently been broken to the extent of putting same out of commission for fire service; but in reality the hydrant cannot be used for fire protection.

We would thank any person having knowledge of such accidents to our fire hydrants to at once call up the Water Company that we may examine same, and ascertain whether the hydrant is in proper working condition, and greatly oblige.

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# For the Easter Promenade

## Exquisite New Silks---

Our silk buyer has just returned from his second purchasing tour of the New York Silk Market this season.

When he got back from his first trip, about February 1, it looked like he had purchased enough silks to last us the season thru, but we soon found we had underestimated your enthusiasm for the new 1917 styles, and the eagerness with which you snatched them up, early convinced us that another trip to the market would have to be made immediately.

This has just been done and with far happier results than we could have anticipated. Beautiful new silks are again pouring into our Silk Department in quantities rivaling our previous immense showing.

There are no duplications of former patterns or colorings—every piece is distinctly new—fresh from the looms of the world's foremost silk weavers.

We shall not attempt to describe them now as we haven't had time yet to get thoroughly acquainted with them ourselves, but we can assure you in advance that they are exquisitely beautiful in texture, pattern and color, and comprise all that is latest, either for sports or more conservative wear.

It is not a minute too soon to be thinking about your Easter frock or gown, and surely a more opportune time for its selection could not well be imagined.

We honestly believe these are the prettiest silks we have ever shown. Today will be a good time to view them in all their exquisite loveliness. West aisle.

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FOR SALE—Restaurant and confectionary in the best of locations and in good town in Northwest Missouri. Clearing \$2,700 yearly. Write care of The Observer, St. Joseph, Mo.—Adv.

A jury in Judge Allen's court Thursday gave Clarence O. Hurst, a former Burlington brakeman, \$20,000 damages for the loss of his right leg Feb. 24 by being run over by a Burlington train. Hurst lives in Brookfield and is a widower with four dependent children.

A special car filled with members of the St. Joseph Rotary Club leaves here tomorrow morning at 4 a. m. for a journey to Tulsa, Okla., where the eleventh Rotary District convention will be held Monday and Tuesday.

Rheumatism Remedy Free  
Send a postal to the Ashley Drug Co., 499 Victoria Building, St. Louis, Mo., and receive a free sample of Herbetone, the guaranteed remedy for rheumatism.—Adv.

Mrs. Stella M. Libbe was exonerated by a coroner's jury Tuesday of blame for shooting and killing Wm. M. Moseley, a former Everyman at Melrose Farm Monday. Moseley was buried in Mt. Mora cemetery early Wednesday morning, relatives being the only attendants as the funeral was private.

L. F. Ingersoll, lessee of Lake Contrary Amusement Park, has made public the announcement that next fall he will install a pumping station to replenish the water supply of Lake Contrary. The lake's condition is the lowest in its history, no water being opposite the Casino at this time of the year.

FARMS FOR SALE—180 acres of land. One of the best farms in Northwest Missouri. Well improved, close to town, good schools, and priced right. Can make splendid terms on this property. Also other farms of all sizes. See or write me at Citizens Bank of Graham, Mo. W. E. Freytag.—Adv.

Jacob Trier, 49 years of age, one of the most prominent of German bakers in the northwest part of this state, died Wednesday evening at a local hospital. For the last few years Mr. Trier was employed at the State Hospital No. 2. He is survived by a widow and four children.

Thomas Stamplis, 15 years of age, arrived in St. Joseph from Athens, Greece, after a journey lasting from November to the 15th of March, owing to detentions at various points in the Mediterranean sea and at Ellis Island. Stamplis has a cousin here, Chris Guber, with whom he will make his home.

The vicinity of "Third & Levy," otherwise known as 3rd and Isabelle streets, was enlivened Monday night with the raiding of the home of Julius Levy, owner of the "North 3rd Street Dept. Store," by male intruders. Levy and his son had retired and his daughters were bathing when a scream was heard in one of the girl's bedrooms. Then a mad scramble took place, the intruders fleeing. Joe Grindstaff, aged 23, who lives at 1810 No. 6th street, was found 10 minutes later inside a chicken coop with his feet protruding from the door by the police. Levy identified Grindstaff as the party seen in his house.

Not Enough Money at St. Louis But Good Picking Predicted at New York.  
There does not seem to be enough money in sight at St. Louis, so thrifty Billy Sunday has notified that wicked city that it is "not right" for a revival and there is not enough enthusiasm over his promise to come there. Billy Sunday has canceled his engagement in St. Louis, it was announced.

The campaign there was to have started February 24, 1918. Sunday's telegraphic announcement followed a visit there by his son, George M. Sunday, who looked over the financial field and made an adverse report.

At New York Billy sees dough and will be after it next month. A New York dispatch says:

"God wants ammunition workers, not pacifists. Take off your kid gloves and get on some fighting clothes."

"That was Billy Sunday's message to his 'Preparedness' army of several thousand advance workers and assistants in New York. He was telling them how to get ready for his appearance here April 8.

"The message was delivered by George Sunday, Billy's son, who added on his own hook:

"My father couldn't raise a blister with a blank cartridge. I am here as an inspector to put such stuff on the junk pile. I want real minute men who can hit the bull's eye and mean to do it."



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Twice Natural—They Couldn't Help It  
Thirty-three republican senators voted against the administration revenue bill. Not because they desired to cripple the government, but as a protest against any sort of tax on wealth, and to express their fidelity to the discredited protective for taxing the poor.—Kansas City Times.

A mixture of kerosene and lard is good to pour into the bearings of machinery.